

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the size and severity of wildland fires continues to challenge the state's efforts to provide public safety and protect our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, there is a vital need to reduce the number of human-caused wildfire ignitions; and

WHEREAS, information, education, and motivation to encourage fire safe behavior in those who live, work, and recreate in wildlands can help reduce the risk of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, each year more people move into urban and rural areas at risk of wildfire and need information, both as communities and as homeowners, on how to better protect their investment from fire danger through road access, design, building materials, and maintenance of their home and property; and

WHEREAS, we all share the responsibility of managing and preventing wildland fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2006, as

Wildfire Awareness Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 22nd day of February, 2006

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire